



Meeting Minutes	March 9, 2016	Cutter Gallery
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Commissioners attending: Stephanie Marlin-Curiel, Barbara Costa, Aimee Taberner, Adria Arch, Jonathan Hyde, Carla Dorato, and Leland Stein

The meeting was called to order at 8:20pm.

- **Minutes** of ACAC's February 4, 2016, meeting were approved as amended.
- **Finance Committee presentation:** B. Costa and S. Marlin-Curiel presented ACAC's proposed \$5,000 budget for FY17. Regarding ACAC's current FY16 balance, they told the committee it represented matching funds for the pending MAPC DLTA grant application. Should ACAC not be awarded the grant, there is an opportunity to reapply in June. FinComm requested that future budget applications provide itemized expenses. It recommended a FY17 budget of \$4,000 with the balance of the request coming from carryover funds from FY16. (Ability to carryover funds needs to be clarified.)
- **ACAC expansion:** ACAC's request to amend the Town Bylaws to add two additional members will be on the Town Meeting Warrant (Article 21). B. Costa worked with Town Counsel on the language, and she presented the need for expansion to the BOS.
- **MAPC DLTA grant application:** ACAC has not yet been notified about the status of the DLTA grant application. S. Marlin-Curiel has written to Jenn Erickson to inquire about the status. The Town has already received a housing-related DLTA grant so that may lessen the chances of ACAC's application in this current round of funding.
- **Town Planner meeting:** S. Marlin-Curiel will schedule a meeting with Jennifer Raitt, the new Director of Planning and Community Development. S. Marlin-Curiel, B. Costa, A. Arch, and J. Hyde plan to attend.
- **Americans for the Arts:** S. Marlin-Curiel will complete the membership application. Each ACAC member will get membership information from the organization.
- **Cultural District:** The public meeting is scheduled for March 30 at 7pm at ACA. There will be multiple invitations via Facebook, Town email, etc. ACAC unanimously approved expenditures not to exceed \$100 for name tags, markers, charts, etc.

- **A-TED web site:** A-TED presented its web budget proposal to the FinComm but it did not feel it was an appropriate Town expenditure.
- **ACAC's Annual Report:** B. Costa and S. Marlin-Curiel will present the Annual Report to the BOS on March 21.
- **ACA Building Status:** B. Costa attended the Task Force meeting: a feasibility study will be done to compare costs for expansion of Ottoson vs using the Gibbs School; findings expected before beginning of Town Meeting. ACA's ideal goal is to have space that will keep all of its programs under one roof but will be open to other alternatives. ACA's current operating budget depends on having sufficient space for its camp program (which generates 50% of its annual revenue) as well as artists' studios.
- **PorchFest:** The applications for porches and bands is still underway but there are already 20 porches and 20 band signed up.
- **APA Update:** A. Arch reported that the process of introducing Cecily Miller, APA's public art consultant, to the East Arlington community demonstrated the power and importance of community input. APA is planning pop-up projects, performances, and parades to expand the notion of public art before embarking on larger projects. Foxful will be a parade with giant puppets at the Feast of the East. Also under discussion: Playful, which would take place in May in Capitol Square.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm